

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 26, 2013

The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy,

Recently, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) made another attempt to circumvent Congress by proposing stringent carbon emission standards on our country's energy producers. We are deeply frustrated with this proposal and the EPA's attempt to overstep Congress in an effort to promulgate President Obama's environmental agenda.

South Carolinians have seen firsthand the repercussions of rulemakings conducted by the EPA. As a result of the Agency's published Mercury Air Toxic Standards in 2011, our state energy providers were forced to expedite the retiring of 12 coal facilities totaling 1,775 megawatts of power. Retiring these facilities prematurely drives up energy costs, destroys jobs, and hinders economic recovery in a state where over eight percent of her citizens are unemployed. We find this very troublesome.

Even more frustrating is the method by which the Administration, knowing how deeply unpopular its proposals are, continues to use its agencies to circumvent Congress. We strongly urge the EPA to submit its most recent proposal regarding carbon emissions for new facilities and any future proposals to Congress, instead of acting autonomously and alienating the United States' legislative body from the lawmaking process.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of our request and we look forward to receiving your answer in the very near future.

Sincerely,



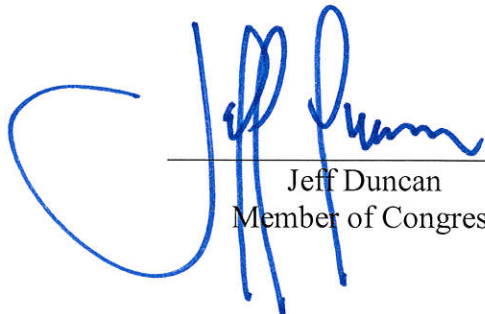
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Cc: Barack Obama, President of the United States